



A  
TRUE CONFUTATION  
OF A FALSE AND LYING PAMPHLET

ENTITLED,

*A Divellish designe by the Papists to blow up the Citty  
of OXFORD with Gunpowder, on Thursday  
the 13. of January 1641.*



O All to whom these presents shall come. Whereas there have lately been diverse false reports in printed Pamphlets, and otherwise raised, & dispersed, of a *Divellish designe by Papists to blow up the Citty of Oxford with Gunpowder*. And that for the effecting thereof, there were found upon a search by Officers at the signe of the *Starre neere Carfoxe*, two and twenty Barrels of Gunpowder, two Barrels of Shott and Bullets, and great store of Warlike Amunition, as Shovells, Spades, Pick-axes and the like, with compleat Armes for one hundred and fifty men. These are to certifie, that upon examination of the premises, We can find no foundation of truth for the same, neither was there found at the said signe of the *Starre*, any powder, shott, Bullets, or other warlike Amunition, but such as was placed there by the Lord Lieve-tenant, and Deputie Lieve-tenants of the Countie of *Oxford*, where also the Magazin and store of powder, and Amunition for the said County, hath for many yeares before been kept, nor doth any cause appeare to suspect, that the said Gunpowder and Amunition, was intended to be disposed of, or imployed, but according to the direction of the Lord Lieve-tenant, and Deputie Lieve-tenants of the said County. And whereas these false reports may tend to the great Iniury, and preiudice of Mr *Thomas Williams* who keepeth the said Inne. These are moreover to certifie that the said Mr *Thomas Williams* is of very good repute within the said Citty of *Oxford*, and conformable to the Protestant Religion of the Church of England, no way addicted to Popery, and most unlikely to comply, or confederate with any bad or popish designe, against his King or Country. And whereas the said reports have by some been pretended to be founded on some letters or speeches of one *Martin Wright* Alderman of the Citty of *Oxford*, the said Alderman doth utterly disclaime to have given any colour to the said reports by his subscription hereunto. In Witnesse whereof, We have subscribed our names. Dated at *Oxford* the seventh day of February 1641.

*Io. Tolson* Vicecan. Oxon. deput.  
*Leonard Bowman* Major.

*Samuel Fell* Deane of Christ-  
Church.  
*Robert Pinck* Warden of New  
Colledge.  
*Christopher Potter* Provost of  
Queenes Colledge.

*Gilbert Sheldon* Warden of All-  
soules Colledge.  
*John Saunders* Principall of St  
Mary Hall.  
*Henry Sowtham* Alderman.  
*Martin Wright* Alderman.